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Application No.: 10/715,517	)	Group Art Unit: 3653
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For: SHEET FEEDING DEVICE AND	)	
SHEET PROCESSING APPARATUS	)	

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Sir:

**RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

In response to the election/restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed July 27, 2005, the period for reply extends through August 27, 2005, Applicant hereby elects species I of Figs. 1-18 for examination. Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1-17 read upon the elected species.

Applicant notes that the Office Action asserts that claim 1 appears to be generic.

Applicant respectfully requests formal examination of this application.

If there are any other fees due in connection with the filing of this response, please charge the fees to our Deposit Account No. 50-0310. If a fee is required for an extension of time under


37 C.F.R. § 1.136 not accounted for above, such extension is requested and the fee should also be charged to our Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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